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SUB: MEETING OF KOREA CORE CROUP IN IVORY COAST

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1. ON JULY 31 CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES IN THE IVORY COAST MET TO DISCUSS THE "KOREAN QUESTION". THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE CHARGE OF THE BELGIAN EMBASSY. ALL CORE GROUP COUNTRIES WITH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN THE IVORY COAST (BELGIUM, CANADA, GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, SOUTH KOREA, AND THE UNITED STATES) WERE PRESENT.

2. BOTH THE KOREAN AND THE U.S. AMBASSADORS DISCUSSED THEIR RECENT MEETINGS WITH GOIC FOREIGN MINISTER USHER, WHO HAD PROFESSED SUPPORT OF THE "CORE GROUP'S" VIEWS TO BOTH AMBASSADORS. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED WITHIN THE
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"CORE GROUP" THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOIC WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE

TO SUPPORT THE "GROUPS'S POSITION, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE GOIC WILL BE A SPOKESMAN IN EITHER THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC) IN COLOMBO OR IN THE UN IN SEPT.

3. THE U.S. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH THE "CORE GROUP" SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE WAAS MAKING HIS FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET NEXT WEEK (AUG 2-7) AND THAT HE WOULD AGAIN RAISE THE KOREAN QUESTION WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THAT TIME.

4. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE "CORE GROUP" THAT THE BELGIAN CHARGE SHOULD SEEK A MEETING WITH EMMANUEL NOUAMA, CABINET DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE GOIC DELGATION TO THE NAC IN COLOMBO AND MAKE A DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF ALL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE CORE GROUP. IF SIMEON AKE, THE GOIC UN PRESENTATIVE WHO WILL BE LEADING THE GOIC DELEGATION TO COLOMBO (FOREIGN MINISTER USHER WILL NOT ATTEND), RETURNS TO ABIDJAN FROM GENEVA BEFORE GOING TO COLOMBO, THE BELGIAN CHARGE WILL TRY TO MEET WITH HIM ALSO. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DEMARCHE WILL INCLUDE:

A. THE FACT THAT IT IS A "GROUP" DEMARCHE;
B.A RESTATEMENT OF THE "CORE GROUP" POLICY, WHICH PARALLELS U.S. POLICY STATED IN AIDE MEMOIRE PROVIDED TO THE GOIC ON JULY 8, 1976, FOLLOWING GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S VISIT:
C. A PRESENTATIONOF THE FOUR POINTS OF KOREA PUT FORTH BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS JULY 22 SPEECH IN SEATTLE.
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